

INSPECT THE BUILDINGS

Fire Board to Carry Out the Recent Ordinance of the Council.

TO HAVE SAFE ROOFING

Body Adopts Report of Subcommittee Declaring Certain Restrictions.

The Board of Fire Commissioners, at a meeting last night, adopted the report of a special committee, composed of Messrs. Jenkins and Lecky, changing the law in relation to roofing to be used upon buildings in the city, so as to afford better fire protection.

Another matter of importance disposed of was the appointment of two subcommittees to examine all the school, church and theatre and other public buildings under the recent ordinances of the Council, to see that they are properly provided with safe exits in case of fire.

The committees which are to notify those in charge of the buildings of their findings are as follows:

For the territory west of Ninth Street—Messrs. Levy, Lecky and Jenkins.

East of Ninth Street—Messrs. G. W. Taylor, Charles F. Taylor and Kappeler.

The chief is to go with the West End committee and the assistant chief with that for the East End, and the chairman of the board with both.

Mr. Lecky was appointed a committee of one to draft proper blanks on which the subcommittees will report to the board.

The work will be started as soon as practicable.

The report of the subcommittee on the roofing ordinance which was adopted is as follows:

March 21, 1904.

Our committee, appointed to make recommendation on the subject of roofing, beg to report as follows:

First: That every contractor or owner who proposes erecting any building, repairing or replacing the roof, shall notify the Chief of the Fire Department of the kind and character of roof of such new or altered building.

Second: That the metal, tile, slate or stone, slate roofing, etc., per the specifications below, shall be permitted in any portion of the city, provided the requirements of the first section shall be complied with.

Third: That all prepared, patented or special roofing, such as paper, fibre, tar, rubber, asphalt and other roofs of like character and shingles, shall be permitted in the city outside of the "congested district,"即, unless forbidden by the Board of Health under circumstances as permitted in the congested district, which is as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Fifth Street and the river, thence northwardly to Grace Street, thence westwardly along Grace Street, thence northwardly to Marshall to Tenth, eastwardly along Tenth to Broad, eastwardly along Broad to Nineteenth, southwardly on Nineteenth to Main, eastwardly on Main to Twenty-ninth, southwardly on Twenty-ninth to the river.

Whenever in the judgment of the Chief the above roofings may be undesirable in any special case, he shall withhold consent until the opinion of the Board is obtained.

SPECIFICATION FOR STANDARD SLAG OR GRAVEL ROOF.

Such roofing shall be composed of not less than three pounds of coarse, flat, cemented together and finished with not less than ten gallons of coal tar, pitch or asphalt, to each one hundred square feet of roof, into which coal tar, pitch or asphalt may be applied in such manner as to form a smooth, flat surface, and no more deeper than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of a size obtained by screening through a three-quarter or three-sixteenths screen, as will imbibe itself in the tar or pitch and leave a loose layer of the same on the top.

L. C. JENKINS,
ROBERT LECKY, JR.
Committee.

REV. MR. COOK RETURNS.

Will Announce Decision to His Congregation To-morrow.

The Rev. James E. Cook, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has returned from travel to the city yesterday after spending Saturday and Sunday in Clifton Forge, to the church at which place he recently received a call.

When questioned last night Mr. Cook declined to make any statement in connection with the matter. He said he would announce his decision to his congregation at the Wednesday evening services, but would make nothing public until that time.

The work of Mr. Cook here has been a notable one, and, if he leaves the city, many begin to fear he will do, his absence will be greatly felt in the East End, where a successful pastorate of ten or eleven years has won him identity. In view of the fact that Clifton Forge is a very attractive one, and the church there is large and prosperous.

ASSAULT CASES

IN POLICE COURT

"Blue Monday," muttered Justice John, as he glanced over the docket, "My, look at the drunks. Pass me a few cloves, sergeant." Then the docket was called.

Ed. Jones beat Maria Jones; \$20.

William Goode struck Louis Hood; \$10.

Joseph Bland hit Allen Adams; also \$10.

Ike Lee, for maintaining a disorderly house; \$25.

George Tucker, Jr., disorderly on the street; \$10.

Mose Gray, shot a pistol; \$20.

William Anderson; ditto; ditto.

Sam Hall, concealed weapon; \$50.

A lot of negroes, shooting craps; \$250 each.

Then the drunks.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Richmond—I. D. Carter, to J. B. Moaby, right to buy little, less value of store Nos. 16 and 17 West Broad Street; \$1,250.57.

George C. Jr., and Eugene A. Deitrich and

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